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# Jetstar's inaugural flight to Vietnam takes off from Melbourne!

## Summary

Jetstar's new flights to Vietnam will take off for the first time today, providing Australian travellers with the only low-cost direct fares to the popular South East Asian destination.

- Jetstar becomes the only low cost carrier to fly direct to Vietnam, one of the fastest growing holiday destinations in South East Asia.
- Jetstar will fly direct to Ho Chi Minh City three times a week from Melbourne and four times a week from Sydney.
- One way flights available from \$249\* from Melbourne and \$199\* from Sydney.

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The inaugural flight, JQ63, will depart at 3:15pm from Melbourne to Ho Chi Minh City, piloted by Jetstar's Chief Pilot Captain Georgina Sutton.

Jetstar Chief Executive Officer Australia & New Zealand, Dean Salter, said the new flights are a major milestone for the airline.

"Vietnam is one of the fastest growing holiday destinations in South East Asia, and until now has been the largest country in the region without a low-cost direct link to Australia," Mr Salter said.

"There is enormous potential for Vietnam to become one of the most popular destinations for Australian travellers thanks to its wonderful year-round climate and great beaches, food and culture.

"We are already the biggest Australian carrier operating into Bali, Phuket and Hawaii - Vietnam is the next step in expanding our international network for budget conscious travellers."

From Ho Chi Minh City, travellers can fly to 15 other destinations within Vietnam on Jetstar Pacific, one of Vietnam's top low-cost carriers.

Mr Salter added the new flights will also boost inbound tourism, building on the 21 per cent increase in Vietnamese visitors to Australia in the last 12 months.

"Melbourne and Sydney both have large Vietnamese communities, and we expect to see visitors to the two cities increase with the introduction of these low fares," he said.

"We're excited to become the only low-cost airline to fly between Australia and Vietnam, offering up to 180,000 passengers the opportunity to travel at a great price."

The new flights will operate three times per week from Melbourne and, from tomorrow, four times a week from Sydney.

The new routes will be operated by Jetstar's Boeing 787 fleet, with a capacity of 335 passengers per flight, including 21 business seats.

Jetstar is offering sale fares from Sydney and Melbourne to Ho Chi Minh City from \$199\* and \$249 respectively, for select travel dates. \*Fares are one-way, checked baggage not included.

Fares and full conditions available on [Jetstar.com](http://Jetstar.com)



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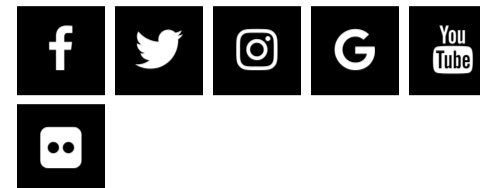
Jetstar first took to the skies in 2004 and has since flown more than 350 million customers across an extensive international and domestic network. The Jetstar Group is made up of Jetstar Airways (subsidiary of the Qantas Group) in Australia and New Zealand, Jetstar Asia in Singapore, and Jetstar Japan in Japan. A leading low-fares airline, Jetstar is committed to offering everyday low fares to enable more people to fly to more places, more often. As one of Asia Pacific's fastest-growing airline brands, Jetstar was voted Best Low-Cost Airline in Asia Pacific in 2021 and was recognized for its excellent flight safety records and services when listed on the "2022 World's Top 10 LCC" released by Airline Ratings.

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